Maharashtra on the action taken in this regard.

Delimitation of the Secunderabad Cantonment Board

*393. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether delimitation of Secunderabad Cantonment Board is proposed to be undertaken;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV). (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Neither any proposal has been received nor any necessity has arisen.

White Paper on Defence Policy

*394. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared/intend to prepare White Paper on defence policy;

(b) if so, by when the document is proposed to be laid on the Table of the House; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As there would be no advantage from a formal and public declaration of India's 'defence policy' the time tested approach is intended to be persisted with.

रामपुर (उ०प्र०) में रज़ा टेक्सटाइल मिल का बंद किया जाना

*395. **श्री मोहम्मद आज़म खान:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश के रामपुर जिले में लगभग पांच वर्ष पूर्व रज़ा टेक्सटाइल मिल को बिना किसी सूचना के बंद कर दिया गया, जो कि नियम विरूद्ध भी है;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि मजदूर परिवारों के कई व्यक्तियों ने भूख से तंग आकर आत्महत्या कर ली है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ऐसे प्रत्येक परिवार को मुआवजे के रूप में दो-दो लाख रुपए का भुगतान करने हेतु उक्त मिल को निदेश देगी; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० जालप्पा): (क) मैसर्स रज़ा टेक्सटाइल्स लि०, रामपुर कामगारों के विवाद के कारण 21.9.91 से बन्द है।

(ख) यह मामला हमारे ध्यान में नहीं आया है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Foreign money for socially backward Muslims

*396. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge amounts of foreign money in the name of 'World Islamic Fund' is being given to different NGOs through the Government of India in different States for the betterment of socially backward Muslim people; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Feasibility Study on Rohtang Tunnel

*397. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3144 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th September, 1996 and state:

(a) the work done by M/s. Rites during this summer in regard to completion of 2nd Phase Feasibility Study on Rohtang Tunnel;

(b) whether the 2nd Phase Study has been completed;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, by when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) M/s. Rites completed necessary data collection and technical evaluations during last summer and are now expected to submit the report of the Second Phase of the Feasibility Study by the end of December 1996.

Termination of membership of Telephone Advisory Committee Members

*398. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have terminated memberships of certain Telephone Advisory Committee Members (TACMs) during the last five years till 1996 abruptly; if so, the Circle/field unit-wise details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) whether said Members made representations to Government against said terminations; if so, the detials thereof;

(c) the action taken thereon, case-wise;

(d) whether Government propose to restore memberships of those Members where allegations against them found baseless/unsubstantiated; if so, by when; and

(e) whether Government also propose to have said terminations investigated; if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) The memberships of Shri Abhay Awasthi of Allahabad TAC, Shri Ernest Paul of Madras TAC and Shri Om Bharuka of Dibrugarh TAC were terminated before their respectvie terms expired, due to serious complaints against them.

(b) Shri Om Bharuka made representations against termination of his membership. He stated in his representation that the charges of misbehaviour, physical assault etc. levelled against him were not true. The other two TAC members made no such representations.

(c) The CGM Assam Telecom Circle was asked to make a thorough enquiry on the representation of Shri Bharuka. The enquiry established the charged levelled against Shri Bharuka.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) No, Sir, in view of reply at (b) and (c) above.

Indians to be rendered stateless in Hongkong

*399. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians likely to be rendered Stateless in Hongkong after its transfer to China;

(b) whether Government intend to take up the matter with Chinese authorities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) to (c) (i) According to the statistics released by the Immigration Department in Hong Kong, the number of persons of Indian origin likely to be faced with statelessness at some, as yet indeterminate, future date is 3,190. These persons are defined as permanent residents of Hong Kong of Indian origin who hold British Dependent Territories Citizens (BDTC) or British National Overseas BN(O) passports but do not have any other nationality.

(ii) When Hong Kong reverts to Chinese sovereignty on July 1, 1997, those persons who can show proof of seven years of continuous residence in Hong Kong would be entitled to permanent identity cards providing them with the right of abode in Hong Kong. Most British Dependent Territories Citizens (BDTC) or British National Overseas BN(O) passport holders are expected to qualify.